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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 52, Part 1; Title 7, Chapter 52, Part 6 and Title 65, Chapter 25, Part 2, relative to authorization of providers of electric services to provide cable television, internet, and related services either directly or through a cable joint venture.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-601, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e) There shall be a one-year moratorium from the effective date of this act on a municipality operating an electric plant, which has not, on or before the effective date of this act, begun providing cable service, two-way video transmission, video programming, internet services or any other like system authorized by this part, from providing such services.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-604(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c) On or before June 30, 2002, the office of the comptroller of the treasury shall prepare a report to the general assembly evaluating the operations of municipal electric systems offering services permitted by this part and electric cooperatives entering into a

cable joint venture pursuant to §§ 65-25-205(c) and 65-25-230, which shall include a recommendation as to whether the authority to provide such services should be expanded, restricted or terminated.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-25-205(c), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

There shall be a one-year moratorium from the effective date of this act on a cooperative, which has not, on or before the effective date of this act, established a cable joint venture authorized under the provisions of this subsection, from establishing such a cable joint venture.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.